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# WHAT'S NEXT?

As Congress moves to repeal Obamacare, protests are gearing up across the country. 4

## FARMERS ASK TRUMP TO STAY THE COURSE ON CUBA

**I** Dozens of U.S. farm and agri-business groups sent President-elect Donald Trump a letter on Thursday asking him to maintain and build upon progress made by the Obama administration in relations with Cuba. Signatories included a wide range of agricultural trade groups, from the American Farm Bureau and American Feed Industry Association to the soy



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bean, corn, rice, wheat, peas, beans, cattle, poultry lobbies and other associations. The letter was arranged by the Washington-based Engage Cuba Coalition and USA Rice. **REUTERS**

## US FORECASTER SEES LA NIÑA FADING BY FEB.

**2** A U.S. government weather forecaster on Thursday said current La Niña conditions are likely to dissipate by February and neutral conditions are likely to continue during the first half of the year. The Climate Prediction Center (CPC), an agency of the National Weather Service, said in a monthly forecast that La Niña continued through December and the effects, even as the conditions

fade, may continue to be felt during the coming months. Last month, the forecaster predicted that the weak La Niña was likely to fade early this year. Typically less damaging than El Niño, La Niña is characterized by unusually cold ocean temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean and tends to occur unpredictably every two to seven years. Severe occurrences have been linked to floods and droughts. **REUTERS**

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Sure, we all Netflix and chill, but what exactly are we bingeing? A new study from CableTV.com broke down which of the streaming service's original programming is being watched by state, and the results are ... [metro.us/entertainment](http://metro.us/entertainment)

## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### OBAMA SURPRISES VP BIDEN WITH MEDAL OF FREEDOM

**5** President Barack Obama presents the Medal of Freedom to Vice President Joe Biden during an event at the White House on Thursday. Obama awarded Biden with the highest civilian honor, commemorating an "extraordinary man with an extraordinary career in public service."



OLIVIER DOULIERY/POOL VIA BLOOMBERG

## AMAZON ANNOUNCES US HIRING SPREE

**3** Amazon.com said it plans to create more than 100,000 jobs in the United States, from software development to warehouse work. The online retailer will grow its full-time U.S. workforce by more than 50 percent to over 280,000 in the next 18 months, it said in a press release. Amazon is spending heavily on new warehouses so it can stock goods closer to customers and



fulfill orders quickly and cheaply. The new hires, from Florida to Texas and California, will be key to

the company's promise of two-day shipping to members of its Amazon Prime shopping club, which has given it an edge over rivals. **REUTERS**

## CVS STARTS SELLING CHEAPER EPIPEN RIVAL

**4** Drugstore chain CVS has started selling a generic version of Impax Laboratories Inc.'s emergency allergy injection, a device similar to Mylan NV's controversial EpiPen. Impax's branded Adrenaclick has not really caught on with patients and doctors and is not considered by regulators to be an exact copy of EpiPen. Adrenaclick's



generic version is available at all CVS Pharmacy locations at a cash price of \$109.99 for a two-pack for both insured and cash-paying patients without insurance, CVS said. CVS' move comes amid widespread uproar over drug price gouging. Mylan has been lambasted by consumers and lawmakers for raising EpiPen prices six-fold in less than a decade. Mylan's branded EpiPen doublet has a list price of \$649.99. **REUTERS**

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**F** trains are rerouted via the **C** to/from Euclid Av, the last stop

- Jamaica-bound **F** trains run via the **A/C** from Euclid Av to W 4 St, then resume regular service to 179 St.
- **F** trains from Jamaica operate normal to Jay St-MetroTech, then via the **C** to Euclid Av.
- No **C** trains between Manhattan and Brooklyn. **F** trains replace the **C** between Jay St-MetroTech and Euclid Av.

**G** trains operate to/from Stillwell Av, replacing the **F** in Brooklyn

- Transfer between **F** and **G** trains at Hoyt-Schermerhorn Sts.
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- To/from Coney Island-Stillwell Av, take the **G** via transfer at Hoyt-Schermerhorn Sts.
- To/from York St, use the nearby High St **A** station.
- To/from Delancey St, take the **J** via transfer at Fulton St.
- To East Broadway, 2 Av, and B'way-Lafayette St, take the Jamaica-bound **F** to W 4 St and transfer to a Euclid Av-bound **F**.
- From East Broadway and 2 Av, take a Euclid Av-bound **F** to Jay St-MetroTech and transfer to a Jamaica-bound **F**.
- From B'way-Lafayette St, take an uptown **D** to W 4 St and transfer to a Jamaica-bound **F**.
- Manhattan-bound customers should consider transferring to the **R** at 4 Av-9 St.

### Stay Informed

Call 511 and say "Current Service Status," look for informational posters in stations, or visit [mta.info](http://mta.info) – where you can access the latest Planned Service Changes information, use TripPlanner\*, and sign up for free email and text alerts.

# Senate launches Obamacare repeal process, issue moves to House vote

Democrats are accusing GOP lawmakers of recklessly rushing to repeal.

The Republican-led Congress, under pressure from President-elect Donald Trump to move quickly, took its first concrete step toward dismantling Obamacare on Thursday as the Senate voted to instruct key committees to draft legislation to repeal it.

Trump on Twitter congratulated the Senate for its 51-48 vote in the early hours of Thursday, adding "now it's onto the House!" Only one Republican, Kentucky's Rand Paul, joined Senate Democrats in opposing the resolution.

The House of Representatives plans to vote on the measure on Friday, Speaker Paul Ryan said, pushing ahead despite concerns among some Republicans about launching a repeal before building a consensus about how to replace the complicated and far-reaching Affordable Care Act, dubbed Obamacare.

Democrats accused Republicans of rushing forward to scrap outgoing



U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama's signature legislative accomplishment, a law that has enabled upwards of 20 million previously uninsured Americans to obtain health coverage, without yet having a firm replacement plan.

The resolution passed on Thursday instructs committees of the House and Senate to draft repeal legislation by Jan. 27. Both chambers will then need to approve the resulting legislation before any repeal goes into effect.

Obamacare's fate is a high-stakes political showdown between Republicans and Democrats that potentially jeopardizes medical coverage for millions of Americans and risks causing chaos in the health insurance marketplace.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi vowed to fight. "I think it's easier to win a fight when something is going to be taken away from you," she said in an appearance with elderly Americans who talked

*"We're not holding hard deadlines, only because we want to get it right."*

Paul Ryan

about how they had been helped by the law's provisions, including lower prescription drug costs.

Republicans have called Obamacare a federal government overreach and have sought to undermine it in Congress and the courts since it was passed by Democratic majorities in the House and

Senate in 2010.

They are aggressively pushing toward their goal of killing Obamacare now that they will control Congress and the White House once Trump takes office on Jan. 20.

Ryan, speaking to reporters just hours after the Senate vote, said House Republicans would

discuss options for replacing Obamacare during an annual retreat at the end of this month in Philadelphia.

Ryan said while Congress will take some replacement steps, the incoming Trump administration will be able to act on its own on some aspects, which he did not detail. Ryan said lawmakers were working on dismantling Obamacare "in sync" with Trump.

"We're not holding hard deadlines, only because we want to get it right," Ryan said, indicating it will take some time for several House committees to work on replacement legislation.

Democrats mocked the Republican effort.

"They want to kill ACA but they have no idea how they are going to bring forth a substitute proposal," said Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

Indeed, some Republicans have expressed concern about the party's current strategy of pushing repeal without having a consensus replacement plan ready.

(Reporting by Susan Cornwell; Additional reporting by Susan Heavey, Lisa Lambert and Richard Cowan; Editing by Will Dunham)

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## Activists take 'First Stand' in support of Obamacare

The Republican-led Senate has already begun its effort to repeal President Barack Obama's health-care law, but Democrats are not giving up their fight to keep the Affordable Care Act intact.

Activists opposing the repeal are planning rallies in several communities across the country on Sunday, from Honolulu to Tampa, Florida, to Burlington, Vermont.

Called "Our First Stand," the rallies gained the support of Bernie Sanders, the Vermont senator and former presidential candidate whose website is promoting and helping to organize the demonstrations.

Expected to attract a large turnout is a rally planned at Boston's



Constituents speak out and rally supporting the Affordable Care Act. GETTY IMAGES

Faneuil Hall, which will be led by Sen. Elizabeth Warren alongside Sen. Ed Markey and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh.

Warren first an-

nounced news of the event via an email to supporters. She noted that when the Affordable Care Act was signed, "Massachusetts went all in

— expanding Medicaid, setting up an insurance exchange, and working to make coverage more affordable."

If the law is repealed, Warren said, commonwealth residents have a lot to lose.

In Massachusetts, the uninsured rate fell 36 percent since the ACA was signed into law in 2010, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"Our health care laws aren't perfect," Warren wrote to her supporters. "But we cannot and will not allow Donald Trump and the GOP to recklessly strip away coverage for millions of people who desperately need their health care."

KRISTIN TOUSSAINT

## What's at stake

Roughly **11.5 million** people signed up for individual health plan coverage under the Affordable Care Act between Nov. 1 and Dec. 24, an increase of **286,000** from 2015. The total includes **8.9 million** returning consumers and **2.6 million** new ones.

The repeal of the Affordable Care Act would cost New York state **\$3.7 billion** and strip **2.7 million** residents of health coverage, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Approximately **4.4 million** children nationwide could lose their coverage if Congress repeals but doesn't replace Obamacare, according to an Urban Institute report.

A total of nearly **30 million** people nationwide would become uninsured by 2019 if lawmakers repeal but don't replace Obamacare, according to Urban Institute.





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30% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent <sup>1</sup>	Units Available	Household Size <sup>2</sup>	Annual Household Income <sup>3</sup> (Minimum - Maximum) <sup>4</sup>
	Studio	\$368	3	→ 1 person	\$14,503 - \$19,050
	1 bedroom	\$395	4	→ 1 person	\$15,498 - \$19,050
				→ 2 people	\$15,498 - \$21,750
	2 bedroom	\$482	3	→ 2 people	\$18,515 - \$21,750
				→ 3 people	\$18,515 - \$24,480
	3 bedroom	\$551	1	→ 4 people	\$18,515 - \$27,180
				→ 3 people	\$21,463 - \$24,480
				→ 4 people	\$21,463 - \$27,180
				→ 5 people	\$21,463 - \$29,370
				→ 6 people	\$21,463 - \$31,530
				→ 6 people	\$21,463 - \$31,530
40% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Studio	\$519	3	→ 1 person	\$19,680 - \$25,400
	1 bedroom	\$558	5	→ 1 person	\$21,086 - \$25,400
				→ 2 people	\$21,086 - \$29,000
	2 bedroom	\$676	6	→ 2 people	\$25,166 - \$29,000
				→ 3 people	\$25,166 - \$32,640
				→ 4 people	\$25,166 - \$36,240
	3 bedroom	\$775	2	→ 3 people	\$29,143 - \$32,640
				→ 4 people	\$29,143 - \$36,240
				→ 5 people	\$29,143 - \$39,160
				→ 6 people	\$29,143 - \$42,040
50% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Studio	\$670	3	→ 1 person	\$24,858 - \$31,750
	1 bedroom	\$720	6	→ 1 person	\$26,640 - \$31,750
				→ 2 people	\$26,640 - \$36,250
	2 bedroom	\$870	5	→ 2 people	\$31,818 - \$36,250
				→ 3 people	\$31,818 - \$40,800
				→ 4 people	\$31,818 - \$45,300
	3 bedroom	\$1000	2	→ 3 people	\$36,858 - \$40,800
				→ 4 people	\$36,858 - \$45,300
				→ 5 people	\$36,858 - \$48,950
				→ 6 people	\$36,858 - \$52,550

60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent <sup>1</sup>	Units Available	Household Size <sup>2</sup>	Annual Household Income <sup>3</sup> (Minimum - Maximum) <sup>4</sup>
	Studio	\$822	1	→ 1 person	\$30,069 - \$38,100
	1 bedroom	\$882	8	→ 1 person	\$32,195 - \$38,100
				→ 2 people	\$32,195 - \$43,500
	2 bedroom	\$1,065	40	→ 2 people	\$38,503 - \$43,500
				→ 3 people	\$38,503 - \$48,960
	3 bedroom	\$1,224	7	→ 4 people	\$38,503 - \$54,360
				→ 3 people	\$44,538 - \$48,960
				→ 4 people	\$44,538 - \$54,360
				→ 5 people	\$44,538 - \$58,740
				→ 6 people	\$44,538 - \$63,060
				→ 6 people	\$44,538 - \$63,060
100% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Studio	\$1,254	2	→ 1 person	\$44,949 - \$63,500
	1 bedroom	\$1,511	4	→ 2 people	\$44,949 - \$72,500
	2 bedroom	\$1,740	2	→ 2 people	\$53,795 - \$72,500
				→ 3 people	\$53,795 - \$81,600
	3 bedroom	\$1,740	2	→ 3 people	\$53,795 - \$90,600
				→ 4 people	\$53,795 - \$90,600
				→ 5 people	\$62,229 - \$81,600
				→ 4 people	\$62,229 - \$90,600
				→ 5 people	\$62,229 - \$97,900
				→ 6 people	\$62,229 - \$105,100

<sup>1</sup> Rent includes gas for cooking.

<sup>2</sup> Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

<sup>3</sup> Household earnings includes salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

<sup>4</sup> Minimum income listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies. Asset limits also apply.

\* Parking lot space, laundry room, and bicycle storage will be provided by a third party. Pricing and availability TBD by vendor.

## How Do You Apply?

Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to [nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://nyc.gov/housingconnect). To request an application **by mail**, send a self-addressed envelope to: **Crotona Terrace Building B, 87-14 116th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418**. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

## When is the Deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **March 15, 2017**. Late applications will not be considered.

## What Happens After You Submit an Application?

After the deadline, applications are selected for review through a lottery process. If yours is selected and you appear to qualify, you will be invited to an interview to continue the process of determining your eligibility. Interviews are usually scheduled from 2 to 10 months after the application deadline. You will be asked to bring documents that verify your household size, identity of members of your household, and your household income.

**Español** Presente una solicitud en línea en [nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://nyc.gov/housingconnect). Para recibir una traducción de español de este anuncio y la solicitud impresa, envíe un sobre con la dirección a: **Crotona Terrace Building B, 87-14 116th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418**. En el reverso del sobre, escriba en inglés la palabra "SPANISH." Las solicitudes se deben enviar en línea o con sello postal antes de **15 de marzo 2017**

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# Philly-based 'snack factory' app delivers cravings, convenience in 30 minutes

Founded by two Drexel undergrads in 2013, goPuff now has more than a dozen markets.

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On-demand delivery is nothing new to residents of big cities like Philadelphia, New York and Boston, but using one app to have items like ice cream, toilet paper and earphones sent to your door in 30 minutes or less day or night is a whole new level of convenience.

Providing such amenities is why Rafael Ilishyev and Yakir Gola founded convenience store delivery service goPuff in 2013 while undergraduate students at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

"[Yakir] was always driving us around to get drinks or snacks because

he was the only guy with a car, so the existing on-demand delivery service as a marketplace didn't really solve millennials' needs because it took too long," Ilishyev told Metro. "Plus, they were too expensive and had crazy surcharges on top of it. It really didn't make sense for young people."

So the two aimed to bring items that customers needed — and craved — right to their doors 24/7 for a flat \$1.95 delivery fee, which is waived on orders of \$49 or more. The company launched with 300 items and Ilishyev and Gola making deliveries themselves.

"Back then, it was a 'whatever-it-takes-to-survive' scenario," Ilishyev said.

Three years later, the two 23-year-olds were just named to Forbes' "30 Under 30" list, and goPuff is available in 13 cities across the U.S., including Philadelphia, New York

## NYer's top picks

1. String cheese
2. Diet Coke
3. Paper towels
4. Toilet paper
5. Glacier Freeze
6. Gatorade
7. Original Sour Patch Kids
8. Red Velvet Cake Balls
9. Peach Snapple
10. Flamin' Hot Cheetos
11. Kit Kat

and Boston, to Austin, Texas, and Seattle.

It will launch in Pittsburgh on Friday, and Columbus, Ohio, on Jan. 20. Nashville, Tennessee; Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Madison, Wisconsin, are slated to come on board in the near future.

The service, which is available via a website and mobile apps, has 120 corporate employees and thousands of drivers across the country who



make deliveries from locally-based warehouses stocked with more than 3,000 items.

Many markets also offer goBooze, which delivers beer, wine, liquor or a combination of all three, depending on state regulations.

While the company does track how many deliveries it made in 2016, Ilishyev would not give a number, saying the goPuff "is in the midst of fund-

raising." In June, the company closed an \$8.25 million round of financing.

However, goPuff was able to disclose its top 10 selling items in Philadelphia, New York and Boston between 2 and 3 a.m.

What was the craziest thing Ilishyev ordered in the wee hours of the morning?

"I ordered Drano and ice cream because I had a clogged sink and I was hungry at the same time."

## BRIEF

### DA: NYPD officer was drunk while on duty

An NYPD officer was arrested for driving while intoxicated after responding to a noise complaint, the Bronx district attorney said on Thursday.

Officer Richard Evans, 44, was charged with official misconduct, two counts of DWI and two counts of the lesser charge, DWAI, which is a traffic infraction in New York and has a lower blood alcohol threshold.

"The defendant was allegedly intoxicated while driving a patrol car to and from the scene of a complaint," Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark said. "Such irresponsible behavior is dangerous to the community he swore to protect, and will not be tolerated."

Evans was arraigned on Thursday and released. He is due back in court on March 7. If convicted on the top charge, Evans faces up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Clark's office said Evans and his partner were responding to a noise complaint on Webster Avenue near East 203rd Street on Dec. 8, 2016.

Someone at the scene called 911 and reported that Evans appeared to be drunk. After driving back to his stationhouse, two NYPD sergeants and a captain found him unfit to perform his duties, according to the DA. KIMBERLY M. AQUILINA

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## BRIEF

### NYC postal worker admits to stealing hundreds of thousands in cash, gifts from mail

A Midtown Manhattan postal worker is facing federal charges for stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts and cash sent through the mail in a practice she continued for years, officials said.

Darlene Washington, an employee at the U.S. Postal Service's processing center on West 34th Street, was arrested Jan. 5. Her scheme was exposed after an inspector traced purchases on a missing Amazon gift card to her Jamaica, Queens, home.

Washington admitted to pocketing about \$1,200 in cash, lottery tickets and gift cards every week for the past four years, the criminal complaint said.

The inspector also said that Washington stole a child's letter to Santa because she liked the stickers that were affixed to the back of the envelope.

"Washington is still on the payroll, but is not interacting with the mail in any capacity," the USPS told CBS2.

Last month, a postal employee in Brooklyn was arrested for using stolen gift cards to buy three sex toys from an online marketplace in September.

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## 'Angry Women' rise up against sexism with protest/art exhibit

Female artists from around the nation are protesting sexism, the attitude "that it's OK to make comments about grabbing women's pussies" and supporting a constitutional amendment for equal rights with the upcoming exhibit Uprise/Angry Women.

The exhibit, which will open to the public on Wednesday at Untitled Space in Tribeca, is much more than just a way to showcase work, according to the founder of the gallery.

"At the end of the day, I see the artwork as an act of protest in its own right," artist Indira Cesarine said.

Cesarine said she launched the Uprise/Angry Women movement the day Hillary Clinton conceded the election as a way for female artists to respond to the number of Americans who voted for Donald Trump, a potential anti-abortion Supreme Court justice



Donald Trump with a crown of roadkill CARA DEANGELIS

appointment and the idea that "it's OK to make comments about grabbing women's pussies."

"This exhibit in particular is obviously politically motivated and responsive to the offense that so many women feel in response to specifically the president-elect's ideas and actions against women, but also on a larger scale, the general societal inequalities that we live with every day,"

### Uprise/Angry Women group exhibition

Wednesday, Jan. 17  
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participating artist  
Christina Massey said.

"I think the artists involved want to feel that they are standing up for themselves and others, making their voices heard."

Massey, who recently started a pro-female artist blog called WoArt, said she would like the government to acknowledge that she has the same rights as men, which would set a standard for "evolution in society."

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# Trump and spy chief differ on what was said in call on Russia dossier

Trump has been at odds with U.S. spy agencies for months, disputing their conclusions that Russia used hacking and other tactics to try to tilt the 2016 presidential election in his favor.



James Clapper GETTY IMAGES

U.S. spy chief James Clapper and President-elect Donald Trump gave different accounts of a phone conversation they had about a dossier of unverified, salacious claims linking Russia to Trump, who is locked in a war of words with the intelligence agencies he will command in eight days.

On Wednesday, he acknowledged the point but opened a new battlefield, responding to media reports of unsubstantiated claims that he was caught in a compromising position in Russia by accusing intelligence agencies of practices reminiscent of Nazi Germany.

In a Wednesday night statement Clapper, director of national intelligence, said that in a call with Trump he expressed his dismay over media leaks. Clapper added that he did not believe the leaks came from U.S. intelligence agencies.

Clapper said he emphasized to Trump that the report was not produced by U.S. intelligence agencies and that they had not judged whether

*"If people really want to know what Director Clapper had to say to Donald Trump, do not rely on Donald Trump's tweets, rely on Director Clapper's statement."*

Schiff

the information was reliable. He did not say the document was false.

By contrast, Trump suggested in a tweet on Thursday that Clapper agreed that the report was untrue.

"James Clapper called me yesterday to denounce the false and fictitious report that was illegally circulated. Made up, phony facts. Too bad!" Trump wrote.

Democratic congressman Adam Schiff, an opponent of the Republican Trump, was asked by CNN on Thursday morning about Trump's character-

ization of Clapper's statement that the document was false.

"Sadly, you cannot rely on the president-elect's tweets or statements about what he's receiving in intelligence briefings. And that's a real problem," said Schiff, the leading Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee.

"If people really want to know what Director Clapper had to say to Donald Trump, do not rely on Donald Trump's tweets, rely on Director Clapper's statement."

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## BRIEF

### Obama administration ends special immigration policy for Cubans

The Obama administration announced the repeal of a measure granting automatic residency to virtually every Cuban who arrived in the United States, whether or not they had visas, ending a longstanding exception to U.S. immigration policy.

The end of the "wet foot, dry foot" policy, which allowed any Cuban who reached U.S. soil to stay but returned any picked up at sea, is effective immediately. Cuban officials had sought

the change for years.

The shift had been in the works for months. It was announced abruptly because advance warning might have inspired thousands more people to take to the seas between the Communist-ruled island and Florida in order to beat a deadline.

The United States and Cuba spent several months negotiating the change, including an agreement from Cuba to allow those turned away from the United States to return.

The Department of Homeland Security also ended

a parole program that allowed entry for Cuban medical professionals. That program was unpopular with Havana because it prompted doctors to leave, sapping the country's pool of trained health workers.

The U.S. Coast Guard intercepts thousands of Cubans attempting the 90-mile crossing to Florida every year, but tens of thousands who reach U.S. soil, including via Mexico, have been allowed to stay in the country, while immigrants from other nations have been rounded up and sent home.

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# DOJ watchdog investigating FBI decisions in Clinton email probe



The U.S. Justice Department said it would probe a Federal Bureau of Investigation decision to announce it was reopening an inquiry into Hillary Clinton's emails shortly before the election, a move she has blamed as a factor in her defeat.

The Justice Department's Office of Inspector General said its probe would focus in part on decisions leading up to public statements by FBI Director James Comey regarding the Clinton investigation and whether underlying investigative decisions may have been based on "improper considerations."

Although the FBI ultimately decided not to refer Clinton's case for prosecution, Comey aroused suspicion that may have diminished trust in Clinton among voters.

The controversy involved Clinton's use of a private email server for official correspondence when she was secretary of state under President Barack Obama, including for messages that were later determined to contain classified information.

Often leading crowds

in chants of "lock her up!" during the election campaign, President-elect Donald Trump as a candidate repeatedly accused Clinton of illegal conduct over the emails. In a debate in October, he vowed she would "be in jail" over the matter if he became president, but he has since said he would not pursue prosecution.

Comey publicly announced the status of the agency's investigation into Clinton's emails two times in 2016.

In July, Comey held a press conference and testified before Congress to explain why the FBI had decided not to refer Clinton for prosecution, explaining that she was "extremely careless" but should not be charged with gross negligence or any other federal crime.

In October, less than two weeks before the Nov. 8 election, Comey said the FBI was resuming the investigation because of new emails found on the computer of disgraced former Representative Anthony Weiner, the husband of one of Clinton's top aides.

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## BRIEF

**Fed officials see quick economic boost from Trump, risks to follow**  
Federal Reserve officials cautioned on Thursday that the fiscal and tax plans sketched out by the incoming Trump administration could trade a short-term economic boost for longer-run inflation and debt problems they might have to counteract.

Fed regional bank presidents, in an array of appear-

ances, agreed in principle that the policies President-elect Donald Trump is likely to pursue will increase economic growth — through direct spending, the consumption and investment spurred by tax cuts, and the boost to business from lighter regulation.

In a recent survey of businesses in the southeast, said Atlanta Federal Reserve President Dennis Lockhart, executives expressed "optimism around

the prospect of fiscal stimulus, tax reduction, spending on infrastructure and some amount of deregulation."

But at this point the economy does not really need much short-term help, said Chicago Federal Reserve President Charles Evans, speaking to the American Council of Life Insurers. It needs longer term strategies to expand a labor force constrained by issues like population aging and lagging

productivity.

The new administration is taking over "at a time of arguably full employment," Evans said. "The U.S. economy could experience a burst of four percent growth for a year or two or more. ... But unless this is accompanied by sustainable structural improvement in labor and productivity growth, such GDP growth would ... ultimately lead to more restrictive financial conditions." **REUTERS**

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Michelle Monaghan plays a detective out to bust a cop (Jamie Foxx) she believes, wrongly, is corrupt in "Sleepless." ERICA PARISE

# When Michelle Monaghan broke Jamie Foxx's tooth

The actors get along better in real life than their characters do in "Sleepless."



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About an hour into the new thriller "Sleepless," Jamie Foxx and Michelle Monaghan beat the crap out of each other. It's a knock-down, drag-out smackdown in a hotel room, with broken furniture and each one taking turns delivering the other a perfect blow.

"She kicked my ass," Foxx tells us. "Michelle socked me in the mouth, for real."

No, seriously: Michelle Monaghan punched Jamie Foxx in the mouth.

"I had just had it with him," Monaghan jokes. "He was having too good of a time, so I put him in his place. I chipped his tooth."

Or they just befell

what can happen to anyone doing a perfectly choreographed fight, be it in a movie or a school play. The good news is

Foxx's best friend is a dentist, and he happened to live in Atlanta, where they were filming. This savior grabbed the spackle and made the tooth right again.

"I didn't hurt our relationship," Foxx says of his co-star. "But it took a minute."

Their characters in "Sleepless" are actually at each other's throats. Foxx plays Vincent Downs, an undercover cop who's spent years infiltrating

a world of corrupt detectives. He inadvertently steals cocaine from a

powerful drug kingpin, who then kidnaps his son (Octavius J. Johnson), demanding he return the goods. So begins a twisty thriller largely set in a high-end casino, in which Vincent squares off against scary heavies (like Scoot McNairy) as well as Monaghan's

Jennifer, a dogged detective who doesn't realize our hero's undercover, and wants to take him down.

"We've seen this kind of movie before, but we put our imprimatur on it," Foxx says. "We're not trying to reinvent the wheel; we just put some new spokes on it."

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## Bring the pain

Foxx has played cops before — the posters for "Sleepless" look vaguely similar to the ones for 2006's "Miami Vice," in which he played Tubbs — but for Monaghan it was new. She has action on her résumé ("The Bourne Supremacy," "Mission: Impossible III"), but those films kept her on the sidelines or put her in peril. Her character here is strong and punchy.

"It's a role you don't see that often: a woman who's single, doesn't have kids — that's kind of rare in Hollywood," Monaghan says, with a knowing laugh. "She's a woman living in a man's world, and she's frustrated and damaged and slightly flawed."

For her, the action was hard, but not unwelcome. "It's fun to push yourself," she says. She was an active kid, which didn't entirely help on this gig. "I grew up with brothers. I was a little rough and tumble, I suppose — a bit of a tomboy. But this was another level. You're doing things with slight precision, so you don't get hurt or hurt other people. It takes a lot of concentration and dedication. But it's a role. It's my job."

Even for someone as experienced with action as Foxx, "Sleepless" could be tough. He has three big mano a mano tussles, which isn't easy for any actor.

"I had to go there. I was in the jungles, you know — like in the rain forest of my mind, catching the spirits so we could get through it," he says. Even when he's not punching and kicking people, he had to be on the run from a particularly tireless henchman. "I haven't had a white man chasing me that long since I was young."

thriller, not something that only exists to create a franchise. "It was wonderful to know we

were going to do this one time and one time only," the Oscar-winner jokes.



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# Southern rock and soul

Charleston-based Susto gets emotional with “& I’m Fine Today.”

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Here’s a song lyric you won’t forget: “I had a dream we were doing hard drugs in a street alley, you were lying dead next to me.”

It’s the opening line for Charleston-based Susto’s track, “Hard Drugs,” from their second album “& I’m Fine Today,” which drops today. It’s a breakup song at heart, teeming with twang, emotion and whip-smart production. The same can be said for the remaining tracks on their sophomore release — still Americana, but reminiscent of peak Lemonheads, which, trust us, is a good thing — mak-

ing the Lumineers’ latest opening act one to watch. We chat with frontman Justin Osborne.

**What inspired “& I’m Fine Today”?**  
Our songwriting style is very confessional. It’s usually based on situations we’ve been through: Issues like cancer, rehab and I had a brief marriage, and it all comes into the narrative. I find dealing with traumatic things in particular is better if I can write about it.

**Did you deliberately juxtapose the lyrical harsh reality of “Hard Drugs” with a pretty country tune?**

I like to take dark subject matter and wrap it in something uplifting. It’s a recollection of a friendship lost. You find you have to separate to save yourself. I wrote it about one of my favorite



Alternative Americana rockers Susto will debut their new album “& I’m Fine Today” today. PAUL CHELMIS

people in the world. No one made me laugh more, but no one made me cry more.

**The album has a lot of elements: rock, pop, and funk. But will a country sounding song dub Susto a country band?**

I am Southern so maybe we’ll be called Southern rock. I like taking traditional Americana and fusing it with electronic, Caribbean, pop music and ’90s rock. We’re a rock and roll band just like the Rolling Stones are — they made coun-

try songs.

**What does the band’s name mean?**  
I studied Latin American and Caribbean culture, that’s when I found the word “susto.” It has this almost PTSD meaning, but so much so that the

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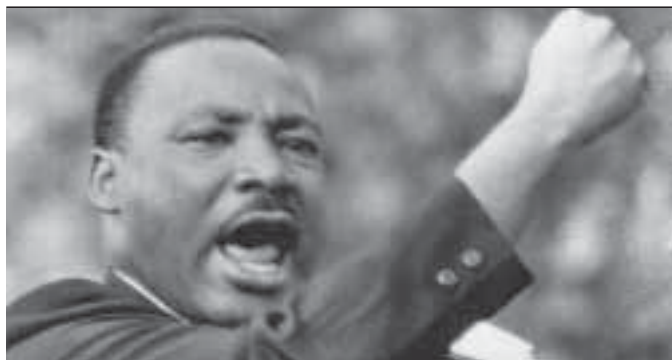
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**Do you think The Lumineers and Susto make for a good match?**

We are extremely excited. I loved their first album so much. And “Cleopatra” is like the perfect song on an album filled with more perfect songs. We are not The Lumineers and they are not Susto. We are a professional band and we will just do the best we can. The dates are sandwiched between our headlining dates, so we start in 300-person rooms, and I love that, and then do 1,000 seat arenas. This year feels like a new chapter for the band and we can’t wait.

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# Martin Luther King's crisis of faith

The Apollo Theater's annual celebration of the civil rights leader highlights a turning point in the movement to guide us now.



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Not many people know about the dark period of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life.

The success of the movement had also opened King's eyes to the enormity of the problems faced by all marginalized people in America, not just black people but Latinx, immigrants and women. "Dr. King was a man of courage, and the anxiety, the depression and the crisis of faith came from his sense that the movement was bigger than just civil rights," says Floyd. King's advocacy had expanded to economic rights, ending poverty and even the Vietnam War, which made him understand that "the forces at work were greater than he could overcome, and he worried for the soul and spirit of America. And the eternal optimism of Dr. King began to waver."

But King's book about this period of his life, "Where Do We Go From Here?" published in 1967, didn't come from a place of pessimism. In fact, he was overwhelmed with the need for action on a



Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech is well-known, but his "Where Do We Go From Here?" is the book for our times. GETTY IMAGES



Jami Floyd at 2016's MLK Day Celebration SCOTT ELLISON SMITH, COURTESY WNYC

broader scale that would tip the balance toward justice for all. It's a call to action for future leaders to take a look at their path and ask themselves that crucial question.

## The civil rights movement today

Floyd and her colleagues

began planning the Apollo Theater's annual MLK Day Celebration, taking place Jan. 15, a year ago, when the Black Lives Matter movement was gaining traction. But the need for a clear way forward is even more relevant after the election of Donald Trump.

The event will explore his book's message for future activists through speakers including Black Lives Matter co-founder Opal Tometi, archival films, performances by Talib Kweli and others,

spoken word poetry and more.

The original Civil Rights Movement started much the same way as the modern one: the killings of black men. The murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till in 1955 is the most commonly acknowledged beginning. King's assassination in 1968 was only the latest in a targeted campaign against civil rights leaders, with the deaths of Bobby Kennedy and Malcolm X following shortly after.

At this point, the movement had been going on for almost 20 years, and "there was a true exhaustion," Floyd recalls. Activists under-

standably moved on to school and to work, understandably taking advantage of the hard-won rights they had fought for. "There was a failure to pick up the mantle and carry on."

## The battle is far from over

Segregation in New York City schools is on the rise, with non-white children living in districts that are underfunded and lack experienced teachers. After the Supreme Court all but repealed the Voting Rights Act in 2013, cumbersome voter ID laws reminiscent of Jim

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Crow were passed in key battleground states and blamed for massive voter disenfranchisement in last year's election.

Legislation is important — as the biracial child of a white mother and a black father, Floyd personally knows this. She was born in 1964, the same year the Civil Rights Act was passed, but faced brutal racism from both black and white children because she was biracial. It wasn't until the Loving v. Virginia decision by the Supreme Court in 1967 that interracial marriage became legal. "And now you look around here and is anybody dating somebody who looks like themselves?"

It's through connecting communities and finally having a long-delayed, honest conversation about race is the only way hearts and minds will be changed and racism can begin to be dismantled.

"Dr. King believed that 'The arc of the universe is long, and it bends toward justice,'" she says. "There are days when I really wonder if Dr. King had it right. But I, too, am an optimist, I think we just need to get back to the path that Dr. King and his brethren and sisters laid out for us. And the book is a good place to start."

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## "Sleepless"

**Director:** Baran bo Odar  
**Stars:** Jamie Foxx,  
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Multiplexes rarely get lean one-off thrillers these days, and when they do they're rarely anchored by Oscar winners. So enjoy "Sleepless," a hunk of junk whose real genre is "movies that will one day play well on cable when you have a Sunday hangover." It moves fast and it has enough shiny distractions — overqualified actors, epic punch-outs, an almost Guinness-level number of twists for a 90-some minute movie — that it's easy to occasionally not notice how drop-dead dumb it is.

This is one of those thrillers that's a corker once it gets going, which is to say it's a big of a drag before it does. The hard-to-synopsized plot finds Jamie Foxx as Vincent, a deep undercover cop posing as a corrupt one. When

he inadvertently steals a hefty coke shipment from a mysterious drug god, his son (Octavius J. Johnson) is kidnapped. The action soon relocates permanently to a Vegas casino, where Foxx has to put things right while fending off baddies as well as a detective (Michelle Monaghan) who thinks he's just another dirty cop.

Once all's in place, "Sleepless" is like a guy spinning plates on an old talk show. It has to juggle untold characters, each with their own criss-crossing motivations, each scampering about a lavish building. There's a nervous, driving energy to the film (and to Foxx's turn) that makes it dizzying, if not always logical. Maybe we can forgive it its trespasses, the lamest involving a crazed goon (the always welcome Scoot McNairy) who doesn't bother to check till later if the cocaine packets he's been handed in fact contain cocaine. (They don't.) Luckily, "Sleepless" always knows how to get back on its feet. **MATT PRIGG**



Jamie Foxx plays a bad cop who's secretly a good cop in the thriller "Sleepless." **ERICA PARISE**



Douglas Smith plays a college kid who summons a ghoul in "The Bye Bye Man." **BRIAN DOUGLAS**

## "The Bye Bye Man"

**Director:** Stacy Title  
**Stars:** Douglas Smith,  
Cressida Bonas  
**Rating:** PG-13  
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"The Bye Bye Man" is like a less ambitious "Candyman," stripped of its pretensions

towards social commentary, its iconic bee imagery and definitely its Philip Glass score. That's not a knock. The arty horror classic had the kind of hooky premise ripe for junk cinema (hence its two cash-in sequels): a boogeyman can only materialize when you say his name — like

Beetlejuice, only less charming. Hence, "The Bye Bye Man," a largely competent, largely brainless grinder that's significantly better than its name — the kind of moniker that could only be dreamt up by sleep-deprived screenwriters struggling through a late-night spitballing sesh.

We rarely see our lead ghoul, and when we do he looks like a scary Lurch from "The Addams Family" and struts around with a crimson CGI hound that appears to have been created on a motion graphics program from 1994. He's more a menace when unseen, anyway. His trick is to get into his victims' minds, gifting a trio of college students with false visions, preyed-upon insecurities and, in one's case, just a really, really bad cold.

A lot of modern multiplex horror gets too tripped up

on plot and mythology; apparently you can't even make a movie about Ouija boards without impenetrable backstories and explanatory prequels. "The Bye Bye Man" is content to be lean and self-contained. Still, the characters are bland, and the only way you can tell our lead trio apart is one's white, one's black and one's a girl. The script can be clumsy, and it gives director Stacy Title only a Trump-sized handful of times to scare viewers with precise camerawork. Though it never quite lives up to its killer opening, it also doesn't punk out when it's time to wrap things up. **MP**

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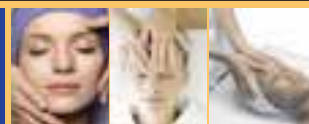
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# NFL Playoffs: The best bets this weekend

Spreads and picks for the divisional round.

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## Seattle Seahawks at Atlanta Falcons (-5)

The Seahawks stifled the Lions in Seattle last week, but the going gets tougher as they travel to Atlanta (4:35 p.m., Fox). However, they'll be a tough out for the Falcons, even at the Georgia Dome.

Seattle is a mediocre 3-4-1 on the road this year (3-5 against the spread), but Atlanta hasn't blown away anyone at home this season (only 3-5 ATS). Though Matt Ryan and company average 35 PPG at home, their defense has offered little resistance to opposing units all season (25th in YPG, 27th in PPG). Points have been hard to come by for Seattle on the road (15.88 PPG), but Russell Wilson should have an easier time than usual marching his team down the field against the Falcons' leaky defense.

It's a tired cliché, but defense wins championships. And it's been a while since Ryan and Devonta Freeman have faced such resilient stoppers. Richard Sherman and company should carry the Seahawks past



The Patriots will beat the Texans but this one should be closer than people think. GETTY IMAGES

an untested Atlanta squad.

*The pick: Seahawks +5*

## Houston Texans at New England Patriots (-15.5)

This is the biggest point spread for a playoff game in quite some time (even Tim Tebow's Broncos got more respect against New England in 2012), and while the Texans face a tall order in this clash Saturday (8:15 p.m., CBS), they can keep it close.

Houston emerged

with the league's best defense at season's end, allowing just over 300 YPG. Though their offense has mustered fewer than 18 PPG, they play "keep away" just as well as anyone, ranking fourth in time of possession. That's thanks mainly to Lamar Miller, who the Texans called on to run 31 times in their dismantling of the Raiders last week.

Tom Brady may struggle to move the chains in this one, but the Texans

offense is so lackluster that it seems unlikely they'll be able to match scores with the Patriots once Brady gets into a rhythm. Take the Texans to cover in what should be a low-scoring tilt.

*The pick: Texans +15.5*

## Pittsburgh Steelers at Kansas City Chiefs (-1.5)

Conflicting trends cloud this prediction, but when looking at the matchups it seems the Steelers will

emerge with a road victory this Sunday (1 p.m., NBC).

Andy Reid-coached teams are 16-2 straight up (13-5 ATS) after a bye during the regular season and 3-0 straight up (2-1 ATS) after a playoff bye. The Chiefs also ended the year strong, covering the number in five of their last six tilts. However, they're 1-9 straight up and ATS in their last 10 playoff contests and 3-7 ATS in their last 10 home

games. They'll face a Pittsburgh squad that's won eight straight (6-1-1 ATS) and holds several statistical edges over them.

Ben Roethlisberger's offense was seventh in football this season and faces the league's 24th-ranked defense.

*The pick: Steelers +1.5*

## Green Bay Packers at Dallas Cowboys (-4.5)

Sensational Cowboy rookies Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott showed poise beyond their years when they went into Green Bay and emerged with a 30-16 victory in Week 6. Prescott threw for 247 yards and three TDs that day while Elliott added 157 yards on the ground.

Green Bay wasn't on the roll it's on now (the Packers have won seven straight, 6-1 ATS), so perhaps Aaron Rodgers will have a bit more success against the Dallas defense this time around (though Jordy Nelson's availability is in question due to a rib injury). Rodgers will need to deliver a fantastic game to overcome the Cowboys' scorers, as even during their winning streak Green Bay's defense has been less than impressive (374 YPG allowed).

Expect Dallas to emerge victorious this Sunday (4:40 p.m., Fox) in a shootout for the ages.

*The pick: Cowboys -4.5*

## Rose's brief stint in NY marred by sketchiness

Derrick Rose's future on-court prospects are as sketchy as his off-court happenings these days.

In the days after Rose disappeared on the Knicks, ESPN's Ian Begley reported that Rose will be seeking a max contract (five years, \$150 million) this coming summer. No doubt, the Knicks or any other NBA team will be hesitant to pay him that kind of money given that he left the team on Monday without explanation. It left the organization shaken.

"I never experienced that," Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony said about Rose going AWOL

to the New York Post. "It was a scary situation to be in. I don't even like thinking about that coming into a game, not knowing where somebody's at, their whereabouts, if they're OK. That's the first thing that comes to mind ... I just wanted to make sure he's OK."

Rose said that he "didn't want to take any calls" and that he needed "space" because of a situation involving his mother. The details remain private, but speculation is running wild.

Rose's Knicks career got off to a rocky start because of off-court issues. He spent a good chunk

of time in Los Angeles during training camp due to a civil rape trial — one in which he was found not liable. The woman who lost the civil lawsuit filed an appeal this past November.

The trial itself was bizarre, as there were long discussions regarding consent to group sex, sex toys and the pseudonym of the accuser. In addition, a lead detective on the LAPD investigation into sexual assault allegations against Rose died one week prior to a judge ruling that Rose was not liable. The detective, Nadine Hernandez, is said to



Derrick Rose left the Knicks abruptly on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

have shot herself in the chest and the incident was ruled a suicide by the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner.

Rose was in Chicago with the Knicks on Thursday ahead of the team's game against his

former team, the Bulls. Former teammate Taj Gibson was adamant that Rose was being misjudged in New York.

"A lot of people misunderstand him because he's really one of the best, one of the greatest dudes I've ever

been around," Gibson told ESPN.com. "Off the court, personally. On the court, he's a great guy. He's never been negative. He's never been as you quote, unquote say, a hater. He's just an awesome dude, man. For real." **MATT BURKE**



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Across

- 1 Jacuzzi's
- 5 Impressed, plus
- 9 Natural elevs.
- 13 To the -- (fully)
- 14 Blue shade
- 16 Nile bird
- 17 -- spumante
- 18 Marilyn's real first name
- 19 Tilt
- 20 Oft-misused pronoun
- 21 Lyrical poem
- 22 Beasts of burden
- 24 Like gargoyles
- 26 Manolete foe
- 27 Cleaned a fish
- 30 Pyromaniacs
- 34 Curry herb
- 35 Fair offering
- 36 Etc. cousin
- 37 Teahouse attire
- 38 Blacktopped
- 39 Terre Haute coll.
- 40 Great Lakes st.
- 42 Luau strummers
- 43 Meets head-on
- 45 Tall beer glass
- 47 Discuss yet again
- 48 Police action
- 49 Ruth or Zaharias
- 50 "2001" author
- 53 Bark
- 54 Picnic pests

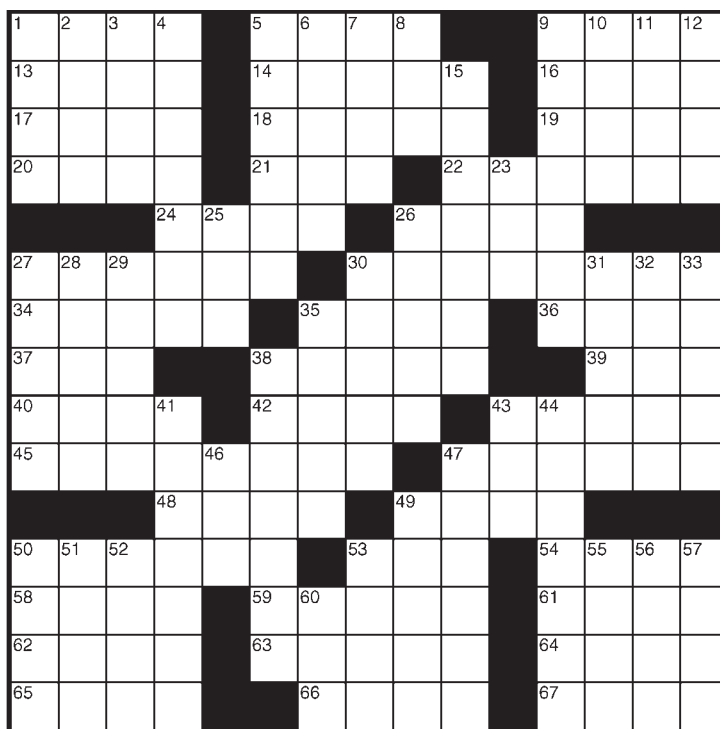
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- 59 Dog-tired
- 61 Ensure failure
- 62 Heavy-metal band
- 63 Bottom line
- 64 Melville title
- 65 Jot
- 66 Crazy like a fox
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Down

- 1 "Jaws" actor
- 2 Cry of disdain
- 3 Low voice
- 4 Odors, to the nose
- 5 Action-movie name

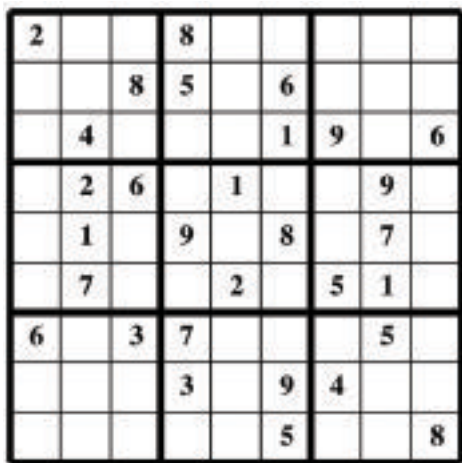
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- 7 Bronte governess
- 8 Pond maker
- 9 Germ
- 10 Skiers' transport (hyph.)
- 11 Mexican lad
- 12 Mach 1 breakers
- 15 Toiled
- 23 Suffix for forfeit
- 25 Ike's rank
- 26 Ebb and neap
- 27 Barges
- 28 Three-dimensional
- 29 Some buggy users
- 30 Half a sawbuck
- 31 Phoenician port
- 32 Neon and nitrogen
- 33 Half-melted snow
- 35 Did a fall chore
- 38 Most like a runt
- 41 Set straight
- 43 Groundhog mo.
- 44 In front (2 wds.)
- 46 Acorn bearer
- 47 In a wholly absorbed way
- 49 Trite
- 50 Gullet
- 51 -- Ness monster
- 52 Imported car
- 53 Sherpa's sighting
- 55 Alaskan port
- 56 Kiddie TV fare
- 57 Dirty air
- 60 Bam!

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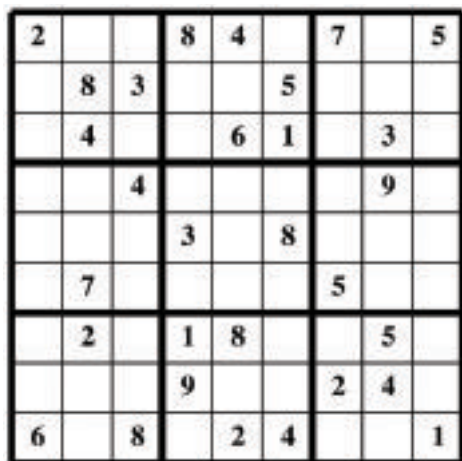


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hard



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**Aries** Get out and observe. Gather information regarding the projects you want to pursue this year. Preparation will help you manage your time properly.



**Taurus** Keep situations mellow. Emotional matters will flare up quickly if you aren't careful how you handle loved ones. Don't leave room for complaint.



**Gemini** Family and friends can make a difference. Don't neglect to ask for help if you need it to get ahead or resolve a matter of concern. Schedule a meeting or day trip.



**Cancer** Consider alternative ways to use your skills, knowledge and experience. There is money to be made and partnerships to form if you are true to your beliefs and plans.



**Leo** Self-criticism will help motivate you to take better care of your physical, emotional and mental well-being. Make personal adjustments that will lead to a better future.



**Virgo** Home improvements that will lower your overhead should be considered. Set up a practical budget that will allow you to chip away at what needs to be done.



**Libra** You know what needs to be done in order to reach your goal. Be careful not to let someone sidetrack you for his or her personal gain. Put your needs first.



**Scorpio** Find out what's required to make professional gains. Adding to your qualifications may be too costly. But, a change in the way you present your skills may do the trick.



**Sagittarius** You should revise a contract or deal in order to improve your position or prospects. If you find a way to cut your costs or overhead at home, you'll ease your stress.



**Capricorn** Trust in yourself and yourself alone to get things done on time and without mistakes. Your attention to detail will give you an edge.



**Aquarius** Express your true feelings and live up to your promises. Focusing on improving your lifestyle will give your reputation a boost.



**Pisces** Don't trust your peers to give you the facts. Ask questions until you exhaust any doubt that the choice you make will be a good one. EUGENIA LAST

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